

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:) Docket: 11954-1920
Schmidt et al.)
Serial No.:) Examiner:
Filed:) Art Unit:
For: **Apparatus for Transferring Poultry**)
Carcasses)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

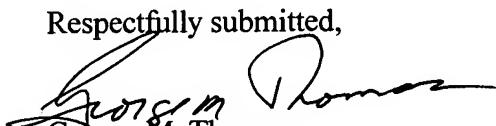
Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application by inserting the substitute pages 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8. Clean copies of these pages are submitted herewith for substitution in the application.

In addition, annotated pages are attached hereto with the additions underlined and the deletions in brackets.

The above noted changes are made in an effort to place the application in the desired American format.

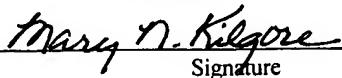
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